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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identification as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

### Clean copy of claims:

- 3. Industrial robot according to claim 1, characterized in that the telescopic unit (9) comprises a pull rod (23) and a guide tube (26).
- 6. Industrial robot according to claim 1, characterized in that the first spring seat (15) comprises a spring housing (15a).
- 13. Method for an industrial robot according to claim 11, characterized in that the helical spring unit (10) is arranged coaxially on the telescopic unit (9).

# Amended claims:

- 3. (Amended) Industrial robot according to [claims 1-2] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that the telescopic unit (9) comprises a pull rod (23) and a guide tube (26).
- 6. (Amended) Industrial robot according to [claims 1-4] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that the first spring seat (15) comprises a spring housing (15a).
- 13. (Amended) Method for an industrial robot according to [one of the claims 11-12] <u>claim 11</u>, characterized in that the helical spring unit (10) is arranged coaxially on the telescopic unit (9).

### Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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